

Senate Resolution 8

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th and Brown of the 26th

A RESOLUTION

1 Relative to officials, employees, and committees in the Senate; and for other purposes.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the following provisions shall be in effect during the
3 2007 regular session and thereafter until otherwise provided for by resolution of the Senate:

4 **PART I**

5 **SECTION 1-1.**

6 Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Senate, the
7 Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs is authorized to employ on behalf of the Senate:
8 a postmaster or postmistress, assistant doorkeepers, a director of pages, pages, aides,
9 secretaries, stenographers, typists, clerks, court reporters, consultants, and other necessary
10 personnel; and the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs is authorized to provide for
11 a Senate Research Office, a Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, and a Senate Press Office,
12 including a Senate Photographer, and to employ personnel for said offices. The numbers and
13 compensation of personnel so employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Senate
14 Committee on Administrative Affairs within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise
15 available for the operation of the Senate. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be
16 employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be
17 determined by the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs. The assignment and duties of
18 personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Senate Committee
19 on Administrative Affairs; and any such personnel may be assigned to Senate officers,
20 committees, and committee officers as deemed appropriate by the Senate Committee on
21 Administrative Affairs.

SECTION 1-2.

The Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs is also authorized to secure the services of chaplains and interns and provide expense reimbursement allowances for them within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available.

SECTION 1-3.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, who is elected by the Senate, shall be compensated in an amount to be fixed by the Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs.

PART II**SECTION 2-1.**

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the Secretary of the Senate's Office, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to employ for the Secretary's office: an assistant secretary, reading clerks, bill clerks, enrolling and engrossing clerks, calendar clerks, journal clerks, administrative assistants, secretaries, copy readers, typists, Multilith operators, Xerox operators, collator operators, clerical assistants, terminal operators, document distributors, personnel to distribute bills and other materials for members, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the Secretary within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Secretary of the Senate's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis, as may be determined by the Secretary. The assignment and duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the Secretary.

SECTION 2-2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 28-3-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the annual salary of the Secretary of the Senate shall be in the same amount as in effect immediately prior to the adoption of this resolution. In addition to that amount, the Secretary shall also receive the same percentage salary increase provided in the General Appropriations Act for employees of the legislative branch of state government. During his or her tenure of office, the Secretary shall also receive the same expense allowance and the same mileage or travel allowance as is received by members of the General Assembly.

PART III**SECTION 3-1.**

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the President of the Senate's Office, the President of the Senate is authorized to employ in the President of the Senate's office: interns, aides, secretaries, stenographers, typists, consultants, and other necessary personnel. The numbers and compensation of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be fixed by the President of the Senate within the limitations of funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the President of the Senate's Office. Personnel employed pursuant to this section may be employed on a permanent or temporary basis and on a part-time or full-time basis. The duties of personnel employed pursuant to this section shall be as determined by the President of the Senate.

PART IV**SECTION 4-1.**

During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session, including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special session, each of the following officers shall be a committee of one for each day spent on official business: the President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader. For each such day spent on official business each of such officers shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim legislative committees. Each such officer shall provide with his or her claim for such allowances for each such day a brief statement of the nature of the official business carried out on such day. These officers shall not be subject to Section 5-3 (limit on number of days).

SECTION 4-2.

(a) During any day or period of time during which the General Assembly is not in session, including without limitation any day or period of adjournment during a regular or special session, each other member of the Senate is designated as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties only within the State of Georgia. Subject to any limits established pursuant to Section 5-3, for each such day of service, each member shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. Each such member shall provide with his or her claim for such allowances for each such day a brief statement of the nature of the legislative duties carried out on such day.

(b) In addition to the days provided for in subsection (a) of this section and without counting towards the limit specified in said subsection (a), each member of the Senate is designated as a committee of one for the purpose of carrying out legislative duties on any weekday which: (1) is a one-day recess or adjournment during a regular session; and (2) occurs after Monday and prior to Friday. For each such day of service, each member shall receive the expense and travel allowances (not including mileage which shall be covered by the weekly round trip) for legislative members of interim legislative committees. Each such member shall provide with his or her claim for such day a brief statement of the nature of the legislative duties carried out on such day.

SECTION 4-3.

Pursuant to the provisions of law, in addition to any other compensation they receive as members of the General Assembly, the President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader each shall receive an amount of \$2,400.00 per annum, as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or semimonthly installments; and each Administration Floor Leader shall receive an amount of \$1,200.00 per annum, as salary, to be paid in equal monthly or semimonthly installments.

PART V

SECTION 5-1.

During any period or day of adjournment during a regular or special session, the President of the Senate is empowered to give authorization for standing committees of the Senate and such other committees as the President of the Senate might create to remain at the Capitol during any such period of time for the purpose of considering and studying proposed legislation and other matters. Members of such committees as shall be designated by the President of the Senate to remain at the Capitol shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for members of interim committees.

SECTION 5-2.

The President of the Senate is authorized to appoint committees from the members of the Senate to serve as interim legislative study committees and for the purpose of performing such duties as he or she shall deem necessary. Such committees are authorized to serve during the interim and the members thereof shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees. The President of the Senate shall designate the chairperson of any such committee and shall prescribe the time for which any such committee is authorized to function. The President of the Senate is

1 authorized to extend the time allowed for any committee, whether the committee is created
2 by resolution or by the President of the Senate. The chairperson of any standing committee is
3 empowered to authorize his or her committee or any standing subcommittee of his or her
4 committee to function during the interim for the purpose of performing such duties as the
5 chairperson shall deem necessary. The members shall receive the expense, mileage, and travel
6 allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim legislative committees.

7 **SECTION 5-3.**

8 The Senate Committee on Administrative Affairs shall be authorized to set limits on the
9 number of days that a member shall receive the allowances authorized in Sections 4-2
10 (committee of one) and 5-2 (committee meetings during interim). For this purpose a year shall
11 begin on the opening day of a regular session and end on the day prior to the next opening day.

12 **PART VI**

13 **SECTION 6-1.**

14 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Parts 1, 4, and 5 of this resolution shall
15 come from funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Senate. The funds
16 necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 2 of this resolution shall come from funds
17 appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the Secretary of the Senate's Office.
18 The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of Part 3 of this resolution shall come from
19 funds appropriated or otherwise available for the operation of the President of the Senate's
20 Office.

21 **SECTION 6-2.**

22 Any personnel employed pursuant to this resolution shall serve at the pleasure of the
23 appointing authority; and any such personnel may be discharged by the appointing authority
24 with or without cause.

25 **SECTION 6-3.**

26 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Senate.